

The Legislature's budget contains many laudable programs, which I can find compromise on such as:

- \$40 million in Revenue Sharing from our current surplus back to cities and towns
- Restoring Education Stabilization Grants
- Fully funding Special Education
- Updating the Full-Day Kindergarten funding formula
- Increasing State Aid Grants for municipal wastewater facilities

Additionally, after listening to numerous communities across the state, my budget proposed a \$63.7 million targeted school building aid program. The Legislature removed this entire program and attempted to replace it with over \$100 million in long term education funding obligations, even though we currently spend more dollars per student than ever before in New Hampshire. While this massive increase in spending would create a huge budgetary problem, I do believe we can come to some rational common ground and find additional education dollars for communities most in need. I am the first Governor in the past 25 years to come up through New Hampshire's public schools. Our schools are some of the best in the nation, because they deliver results. I believe in our teachers. I believe in the students. I want to ensure they have additional resources, but this must be achieved in a sustainable and responsible manner.

As always, I remain committed to working with the Legislature to craft a budget that balances within itself, and that meets the needs of the citizens all across New Hampshire. Concord can be somewhat of a bubble, and legislatures can be more in tune with professional lobbyists than the citizens they represent. I have attached to this letter a document that shows my proposed compromise on Business Tax Rates, and a document that outlines what I believe to be the grounds for a budget compromise that works for the citizens of New Hampshire. I ask that you speak to your Representatives and Senators. Ask them to listen to the citizens of New Hampshire who appreciate our strong economic advantages and don't want to be needlessly burdened with more taxes. We must budget our state in a responsible and sustainable way, just as you do.

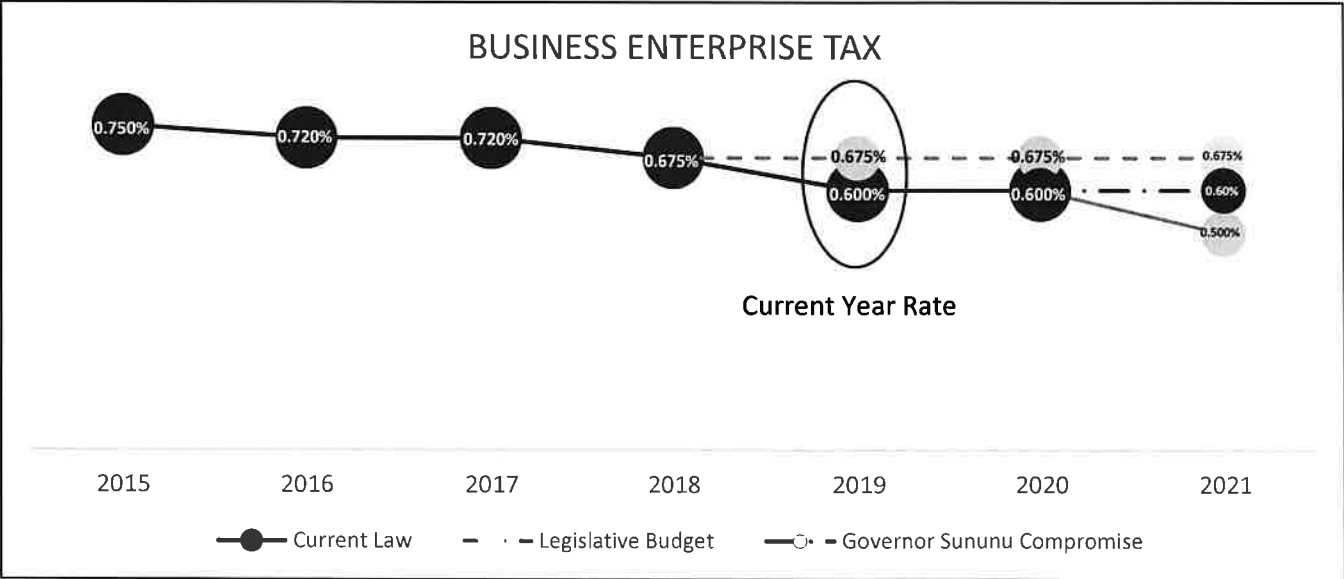
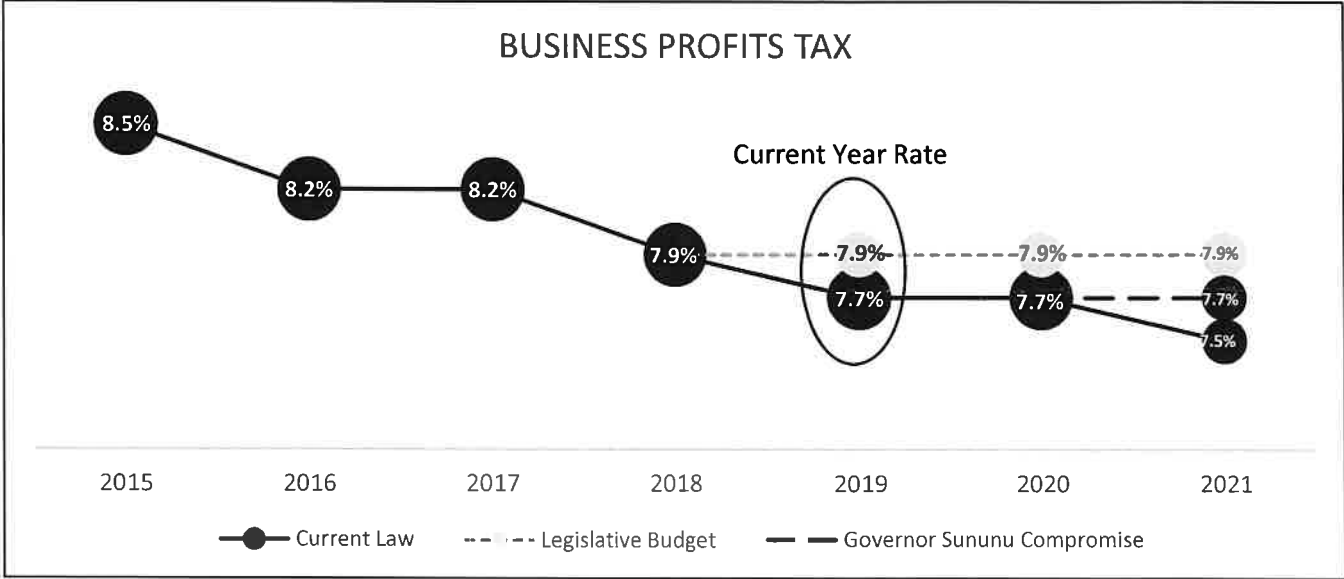
If you would like to learn more, please designate one local elected official to attend and represent your city/town at an informational session I am hosting on Friday, July 19th at 10:00am at Sweeney Auditorium at the New Hampshire Technical Institute, located at 23 Institute Drive in Concord. Your town's designee must RSVP to governorsununu@nh.gov to receive their personalized confirmation letter.

Thank you for your service to our great state.

Sincerely,



Christopher T. Sununu
Governor





ROADMAP TO COMMON GROUND

- **Balanced budget**
- **Fully funds Special Education Aid**
- **24 bed forensic hospital**
- **Relocate Inpatient Psychiatric Care for Children**
- **Fully funds the waitlist for the developmentally disabled with a 2.5% rate increase**
- **\$63.7 million in building aid to property-poor school districts**
- **\$24 million in strategic workforce investments to the university system**
- **\$32.5 million student debt assistance program**
- **\$40 million in municipal revenue sharing to cities & towns**
- **\$3 million lead remediation grant program**
- **\$1.5 million for state-owned dam repair**
- **Voluntary Family Medical Leave Insurance Program**
- **No changes to the education funding formula**
- **Stabilization grants for schools in 2020 and 2021 at 90%, a \$14 million total increase**
- **\$14.6 million for Department of Transportation Fleet Replacement**
- **\$30 million for targeted Medicaid provider rate increases**
- **\$14 million in direct scholarships to college students**
- **Funds additional DCYF workers, as outlined in SB 6**
- **Funds mental health services, as outlined in SB 11 and 14**
- **Comprehensive business tax reform**
- **No increase to business tax, capital gains tax, or income tax required**